

INDIANA SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2014

Indiana Government Center - South

Conference Room 1

10:00 a.m.

302 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Members present:

Bowlen, Eric (Martinsville)

Carter, Doug (ISP)

Hill, John (IDHS) (Chairman)

Reske, Scott (DOE)

Members absent:

Allen, Mary (CJI)

Eslinger, Mike (Parke County)

Zoeller, Greg (ATG Office)

Proxy:

Hopkins, Larry (ATG Office)

Members of the Public:

Miller, Senator Pete (Dist. 24)

Berman, Eric (WIBC)

Presenter:

White, Trooper Ryan (ISP)

Staff:

Davis, Bridget (IDHS)

Karns, Allison (IDHS)

Mahan, Beth (IDHS)

Romero, Joe (IDHS)

Stewart, Kimberly (IDHS)

Workman, James (LT. Gov. Office)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Hill who welcomed everyone. It was determined that there was a quorum. Members of the public and staff introductions were made.

1. Motion to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting:

Move to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting:

Motion duly made and carried to adopt the minutes from April 16, 2014:

Proposed by: Doug Carter

Seconded by: Scott Reske

Vote: carried

- Kimb Stewart reported that the review team consisted of Ryan Stewart and Dave Woodward from the Department of Education. Kevin McDowell from the Attorney General's office, Robin Wonnell, Brittany Simmons, Kim Snyder and Mary Allen from ICJI also reviewed the grants.
- The proposal was changed a little this year to help address some of the concerns and things learned throughout the year: the narrative responses focus on three key areas; the needs assessment which was divided into two parts, what process did you use and how will the grant help you with these identified needs? How does the new equipment fit in with your comprehensive school safety program? How does your professional development relate to school safety? How does the work of the county school safety commission affect the school safety plans of the cooperation? Active school safety commissions are determined by uploaded agendas and minutes.
- There was a strong emphasis on the performance needs section. Does having a SRO reduce the truancy rates? Have the suspension and expulsion rates been reduced? How is the SRO impacting what does goes on in the school and how do you know the school is safer for having a SRO?
- 263 proposals were received, which includes four from career/tech centers. 219 proposals were recommended for full funding. 27 were recommended for partial funding. Only five proposals were recommended to not be funded. No decision was made for ten proposals and the Board is being asked for their decision today on those ten proposals (detail below). Of the proposals to be considered today, six of the ten proposals are charter schools and one is a turn-around academy. Seven of these proposals are under the same umbrella of Charter for Accelerated Learning, Inc.
- There is a one-to-one match requirement from the school cooperation. Anything that is allowable for grant funding is allowed to be used as a match. 9.9 million dollars of the funds were requested and 9.4 million dollars were recommended for funding.
- Chairman Hill's recommendation for legislative improvements: the requirement for public schools is that they have a school safety commission and the same requirement is not in place for the charter schools and should be looked at for consistency.
- Grants in green on the chart passed out at the meeting were recommended for full funding. Grants in yellow on the chart had asked for items that are disallowed by the statute. Grants in red on the chart were not recommended for funding because the overall quality of the grant was low and lacked consistency in the applications. Chairman Hill

asked that IDHS staff to visit at least three of the school in red to clarify and show how funding could be eligible. Grants in blue on the chart are charter schools which have their own Local Education Agency (LEA). All school cooperations are LEAs by federal designation. LEAs are entities that can receive and distribute funds. The number of students ratio to the number of school resource officers in the same area was a concern. Scott Reske recommended that the review panel speak with those schools to determine what their needs are.

2. Motion to have the working group ask questions of schools in the blue category:

Move to have the working group investigate further and actually bring the school's administration in and talk to them regarding the situation with Charter for Accelerated Learning (blue category). The working group will make a recommendation and bring the findings back to the Board:

Proposed by: Scott Reske

Seconded by: Eric Bowlen

Abstained by: Doug Carter

Vote: carried

- Beth Mahan will visit to assist schools in red: Seymour, Warsaw and Gary Community Schools (Gary Community Schools will be put on hold and the task force will be asked to help).
- Chairman Hill stated that the staff administrative cost have gone down because the start-up costs are not recurring.

3. Motion to approve recommendations for full funding and partial funding:

Move to approve the recommendations for full funding and partial funding except for categories in the red or blue, which are going to receive further guidance from staff and if they receive clarification, the grants will come back to the Board for approval at a later time:

Proposed by: Scott Reske

Seconded by: Doug Carter

Abstained by: Eric Bowlen

Vote: carried

- Trooper Ryan White gave a presentation on Safe2Tell to inform the Board and have further dialogue. Director Hill thanked Trooper White for presenting Safe2Tell. It is valuable for the Board to hear some of the potential for what could be done beyond the school grants and expose our communities to more opportunities and resources to expose them to making our schools even safer.

4. Motion to adjourn:

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Proposed by: Scott Reske

Seconded by: Eric Bowlen

Vote: carried

Adjournment:

Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Time and Location:

TBD